

## MINUTES

### **PUBLIC WORKS / PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

June 18, 2014

A meeting of the Public Works / Parks & Recreation Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Ross Kagawa, Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 11:23 am., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Tim Bynum (*not present*)  
Honorable Gary L. Hooser  
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura  
Honorable Ross Kagawa  
Honorable Mel Rapozo, Ex-Officio Member

Excused: Honorable Mason K. Chock, Sr.  
Honorable Jay Furfaro, Ex-Officio Member

There being no objections, the Committee recessed at 11:23 a.m., to convene in the Economic Development (Sustainability / Agriculture / Food / Energy) & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

The meeting was called back to order at 4:11 p.m., and proceeded on its agenda item, as follows:

C 2014-89                      Communication (03/05/2014) from Council Chair Furfaro, requesting the presence of the County Engineer, to provide an update on the Ala Kalanikaumaka Street off-site drainage area and the efforts of the Department of Public Works to address the reported problems that occur following heavy rain. **(This item was Deferred.)**

Chair Kagawa:                      The Chair has been informed that Mr. Abreu was waiting for the status and did not hear from the Chair. Chair's recommendation is to have Mr. Abreu on behalf of the church and the residents to be present to say his side of the story and/or recommendations, but if it is all good news for him, we can have the update now and defer later or if you prefer just let us tackle this in two (2) weeks. I will leave it up to Public Works to give us their direction because I hate to see us go through this dialogue and then have to wait for two (2) weeks to update Mr. Abreu and then go through the same dialogue again.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

LYLE TABATA, Deputy County Engineer: We are here to primarily just give an update. We have possible solutions that we wanted to present. We had not, like I had understood we were to just provide an update of our findings.

Chair Kagawa: You may proceed.

Mr. Tabata: We were doing a lot of fact finding. Our Chief of Engineer, Michael Moule did a lot of work.

Chair Kagawa: Councilmember Yukimura, question?

Ms. Yukimura: I would like to make sure you are proposing options and you will not act on them until our next meeting so Mr. Abreu will have a chance to be here?

Mr. Tabata: I do not think it is our place to propose options. This is not a County facility. We were just asked to investigate and look at possible solutions that we can toss out and bring forward. So our Chief of Engineer, Michael Moule did a very thorough investigation and we are here to present the findings because a lot of what was discussed on the floor previously was hearsay and so he investigated all of the facts and we hope that is what we will be presenting today.

Chair Kagawa: Okay. As Committee Chair I will allow Public Works to give their presentation, I will ask for a deferral it after they are done, and if we need Public Works again in two (2) weeks, we can call them up.

Ms. Yukimura: So I am good with that as long as...because I just...I do not understand that it is not us to implement the options. It is not for the County to implement the options. So I was worried that there would be some implementation prior to getting the information from Mr. Abreu and that does not look like that is the problem. So what I am understanding is we will hear their presentation, defer the matter to two (2) weeks from now when Mr. Abreu will be able to come and speak, to give his response. Right?

Chair Kagawa: Councilmember Hooser.

Mr. Hooser: It kind of does not sit right when it was stated that it is not our responsibility to present options. I understand that is the position.

Mr. Tabata: No, it is not our responsibility to implement corrective action. We can make recommendations and I think we are prepared to do that. And correct me if I am wrong, but that is how I understand the situation and after Mr. Moule has presented all of the facts, I think you will possibly agree.

Mr. Hooser: You are presenting options and the question then is implementation. Whether it is the County's responsibility or not, or whether the County would like to take the responsibility or not, would be a question we can talk after. Why do you not present the options first? We might have a difference of opinion on the implementation.

Chair Kagawa: Before they go, Councilmember Rapozo?

Mr. Rapozo: Yes, Lyle was Mr. Abreu informed of what you are presenting today?

Mr. Tabata: I did not understand it as that was our role. We were asked to investigate. I thought...

Mr. Rapozo: ...he was going to be here today.

Mr. Tabata: And that the communication was coming through this body.

Mr. Rapozo: Yes, it was and I apologize. Apparently, as Mr. Kagawa talked about the Chair was not able to or did not make contact with Mr. Abreu.

Mr. Tabata: If the body wants we can come back in two (2) weeks. We are totally prepared to do that.

Mr. Rapozo: I do not want to be the one to ask you because you folks have been very receptive and responsive up until this point, even getting Christiane to climb over a fence to that which was a sight but I mean I just do not know, as I was talking to Michael and he said it was about a half an hour presentation.

Mr. Tabata: Yes. He has a lot of data and we are prepared if the body wishes to defer we can.

Mr. Rapozo: Like I said I think that would make sense only because the other parties will be here.

Mr. Tabata: We agree.

Mr. Rapozo: Otherwise they will be here in two (2) weeks and we are going to call you up again. I just feel really bad about that because it is not your fault. You guys are here as was the agreement and it was our side that messed up and did not get back to Mr. Abreu. Where you not supposed to be going on a vacation or something at some point or you threw that away?

MICHAEL MOULE, Chief of Engineering: I am Michael Moule, Chief of Engineering. My vacation is not till July. It was a misunderstanding. Not till the end of July so I am here on July 2, 2014.

Mr. Rapozo: Okay. I am not a member of the Committee.

Chair Kagawa: As Committee Chair, I just have a question. How long is your presentation or explanation?

Mr. Tabata:  
half an hour. There is a lot of data.

We rehearsed yesterday and it is possibly

Chair Kagawa: Oh, it is half an hour. My recommendation and I apologize too that you guys had to wait around but I do not think Mr. Abreu would appreciate having had to wait from 11:00 a.m. till now anyways because we spent a lot of time on the previous agenda item, so if you can come back in two (2) weeks I would really appreciate it and then we get everything one time.

Mr. Tabata:

Okay, we agree.

Chair Kagawa:

Members, can we get a motion?

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Yukimura, seconded by Councilmember Hooser, and carried by a vote of 4:0:1 (*Councilmember Chock was excused*), C 2014-89, was deferred.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on July 2, 2014:

  

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ROSS KAGAWA  
CHAIR, PWPR COMMITTEE